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Sir:

I declare and say as follows:

that I am the Yukio Nakagawa of Shiga, Japan who is one of the joint inventors named in U.S. Patent 6,088,994 ("the Patent") issued July 18, 2000 and consider myself as an ordinary person skilled in the art of packaging machines;

that the Patent relates to a form-fill-seal packaging machine and discloses such a machine provided with a memory that stores, for each of different kinds of articles to be packaged, packaging data such as the number of packaged bags to be produced per unit time and the length of each bag to be produced; and

that although it was known around the time relevant to the Patent to operate a printer together with a packaging machine so as to print different matters on the bag-making film, depending on the kind of articles to be packaged, it was not considered easy or a matter of

course to correlated the operations of a packaging machine and a printer and the idea of storing correlation data for a packaging machine and a printer such that if a change in the packaging data is inputted, for example, the printer data for operating the printer would be automatically changed accordingly was not obvious to me or to the other joint inventor of the Patent.

All statements made of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. I am warned that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both (pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001) and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date June 25, 2003


Yukio Nakagawa (Declarant)